**The Modal Verbs Review**

**Can: permission**

Use ***can*** to talk about permission:

E.g.

Affirmative – I ***can*** chew gum in my room.

Negative: Students ***cannot*** (***can’t***) run in the corridor.

Question - ***Can*** I go to the washroom?

**Can: ability**

Use ***can*** to talk about ability

E.g.

Affirmative - I ***can*** touch my toes.

Negative – I ***cannot*** (***can’t***) read in Chinese.

**Could: Past ability**

Use ***could*** to talk about a past ability

E.g.

Affirmative – When I was young, I ***could*** touch my toes.

Negative – When I was young, I ***could not*** (***couldn’t***) read in English.

**Have to: obligation**

Use ***have to*** talk about obligation.

E.g.

Affirmative – You ***have to*** clean your room.

Negative – You ***do not have to*** like this seafood.